

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Atty. Docket No. 067242/0107

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In re application of

Fumihiko Watanabe et al.

Serial No.: 09/120,383

Filed: July 22, 1998



Group Art Unit: 1612

Examiner: Unknown

For: SULFONATED AMINO ACID DERIVATIVES AND METALLOPROTEINASE
INHIBITORS CONTAINING THE SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

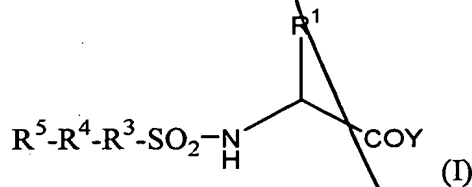
Preliminary to the examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-25 in their entirety without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.

Please add the following new claims:

--26. A compound of the formula I:



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